

Department of Local Government Finance

Microsoft Teams for Ratio Studies

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- Starting with the 2020 Ratio Study season, the Department of Local Government Finance will implement a new communication tool for the review process.
- Microsoft Teams was piloted in the 2019 season with two counties and was found to cut the review time down significantly.



- What is MS Teams?
 - Cloudbased
 - Collaboration
 - File sharing



- Cloudbased
 - Accessibility from any device.
 - Access online or download (with license.)
 - MS license not required for all members.



- Collaboration
 - Communicate privately through chat.
 - Communicate with the entire team.
 - Tag members.
 - This prompts a notification for the tagged member to review post.
 - Like posts
 - This provides communication to everyone on the team that you have seen the post.



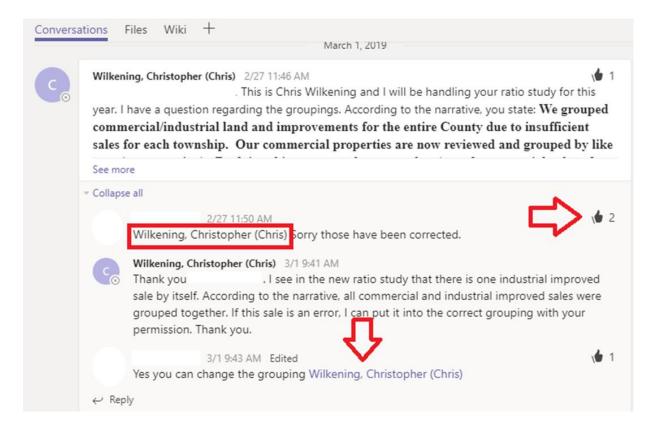
- File Sharing
 - Upload files for entire team to review.
 - Updates to files in real time.
 - No need to send new versions of documents.
 - Version control.



- Each county will have their own Team.
- The county will notify the Department of members.
- Members from the county can include assessor, vendor (if applicable), as well as the main person of contact for the Ratio Study.
- No one outside of the Team will have access to the Team.
- Invitation to Team will be via email.



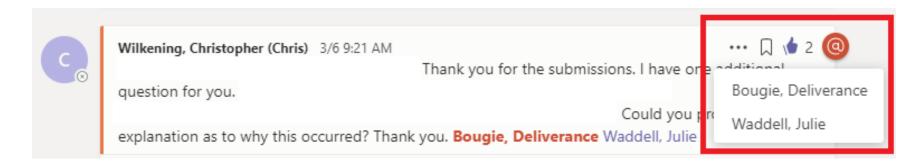
Communication: Tagging and Liking





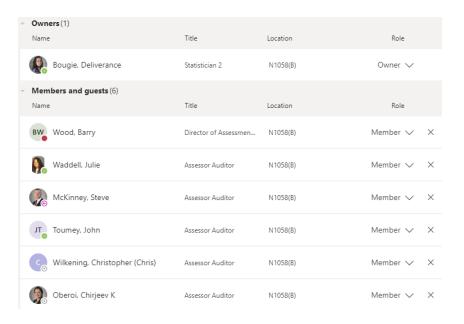
Another example of tagging/liking.

- Tag each person who should review the post.
- Like the post when you have reviewed it.
- Hover over the thumb to see who has reviewed the post.

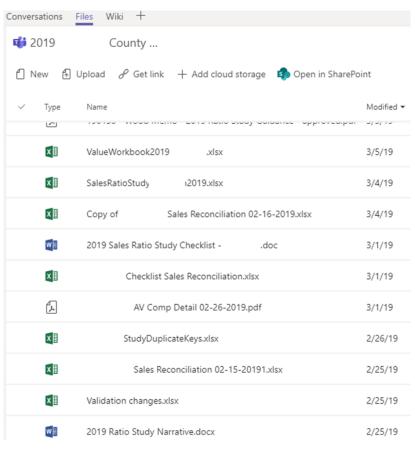




Multiple members in the team will help speed up communication when someone from the county is out of the office.







- County files will be uploaded to the Teams Files section.
- County files will be updated as needed within the Files section.
- Department files will also be shared in the Files section when appropriate.



- Version history can be viewed from Sharepoint.
- Using the latest version for updates will prevent issues with updating wrong version.

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 IMPORTANT: When the Ratio Study has been submitted (files uploaded to Teams), post in Conversations and tag Barry Wood, Julie Waddell, and Deliverance Bougie. The Department will not get notification otherwise. All files must be included with correct formatting prescribed in Guidance (Ratio Study, Workbook, Narrative, Reconciliation with explanations.)



- Submit Ratio Study files in the Teams Files tab.
- Post in the Conversations tab that the Ratio Study has been submitted, tag Barry Wood, Julie Waddell, and Deliverance Bougie.
- The Department will acknowledge receipt of your submission.



- The Department will notify you of any formatting errors by posting in the Conversations tab and tagging the appropriate people.
- County will make corrections to the files already uploaded to Teams, tag the Department when completed.
- The Department will upload the Checklist and any accompanying files to the Files tab in Teams when applicable.



- County will answer Checklist questions in the document the Department uploaded, tag the Department member when completed.
- Mann-Whitney ("MW") and Spearman Rank ("SR") files will be uploaded to Files tab in Teams when applicable.
- Respond to MW using the Excel spreadsheet uploaded by the Department when applicable, tag the Department when completed.



- Respond to SR by making changes to the latest version of the Ratio Study in the Files tab when applicable, tag the Department when completed.
- The county will receive an email when the Ratio Study has been approved.



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